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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 August 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 15, 17-21, 55-75 and 78-85 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 15, 17-21, 55-75 and 78-85 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SE/C.3)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Acknowledgements

Applicant's Amendment/Remarks filed on *28 August 2009* is acknowledged.

All references to the capitalized versions of "Applicants" refer specifically to the Applicants of record. Any references to lower case versions of "applicant" or "applicants" refer to any or all patent "applicants". Unless expressly noted otherwise, references to "Examiner" refers to the Examiner of record while reference to or use of the lower case version of "examiner" or "examiners" refers to examiner(s) generally.

This paper is given Paper No. 20091221 by the Examiner. This Paper No. is for reference purposes only.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-3, 15, 17-21, 55-75 and 78-85 have been examined and pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-3, 15, 17-21, 55-75 and 78-85 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. **7,130,831 (Howard)** and further in view of U.S. Patent No. **6,041,316 (Allen)**.

Howard discloses a computer-implemented method for user access to document content using a logic client device comprising:

- delivering to a user of said client logic device, via a document server, a first user viewable version of the actual contents of a specific document residing at a said document server on a first cost basis, said first user viewable version being protected by a security server to prevent the user from performing a standard operation on said version, said standard operation consisting of any of copying, printing or saving (*Howard, at least the Abstract, C 2 L 28 – C 17 L 6*);
- delivering user-requested pages of a specific document from a document server in a first user-viewable version comprising a form protected by a security server to a user of a client logic device to permit said user viewing the actual contents of said pages of said specific document and selecting by said user but not printing, copying or saving by the user (*Howard, at least the Abstract, C 2 L 28 – C 17 L 6*).

Howard does not expressly disclose:

- calculating with said document server a charge to permit the user to perform a requested standard operation on a user-selected portion of said specific document on a second cost basis;

- delivering to said user, via said document server, a second version of the actual contents of said specific document residing at said document server comprising said user-selected portion of said specific document, wherein a user requested standard operation is completed, in coordination with said document server, upon payment of the calculated charge.

Allen, however, teaches:

- calculating with said document server a charge to permit the user to perform a requested standard operation on a user-selected portion of said specific document on a second cost basis;
- delivering to said user, via said document server, a second version of the actual contents of said specific document residing at said document server comprising said user-selected portion of said specific document, wherein a user requested standard operation is completed, in coordination with said document server, upon payment of the calculated charge;

(*Allen at least the Abstract, C. 2 L 23 – C 9 L 4*) to provide (deliver) a higher quality version of the data (i.e., a second version of the actual contents of a specific document) to the customer (user) over the network if the customer is entitled (i.e., upon payment) to receive it.

- Therefore, it would have been obvious to an ordinary skill in the art to motivate to add the aspects of "*calculating with said document server a charge to permit the user to perform a requested standard operation on a user-selected portion of said specific document on a second cost basis*;

- *delivering to said user, via said document server, a second version of the actual contents of said specific document residing at said document server comprising said user-selected portion of said specific document, wherein a user requested standard operation is completed, in coordination with said document server, upon payment of the calculated charge”,*

as taught in the Allen reference to the method disclosed in the Howard reference to provide (deliver) a higher quality version of the data (i.e., a second version of the actual contents of a specific document) to a customer (user) over the network if the customer is entitled (i.e., upon payment) to receive it.

Since the claimed invention is merely a combination of old elements, and in the combination, each element merely would have performed the same function as it did separately, and one of ordinary skill in the art would have recognized that the results of the combination were predictable.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 and 67 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground of rejection as discussed above.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

US 5592549 (Nagel).

US 6205456 (Nakao)

US 5247575 (Sprague)

US 7069451 (Ginter)

US 7133845 (Ginter)

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NANCY T. LE whose telephone number is **(571) 272-7066**. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 6:00pm Eastern Standard Time Eastern Standard Time.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, ANDREW J. FISCHER can be reached on **(571) 272-6779**.

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